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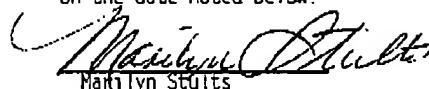
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This is responsive to the Office Action dated July 23, 2004,
the term for response to which is extended by two (2) months by
Petition filed concurrently herewith to December 23, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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